National Highways expansion work

2006. DR. NARAYAN SINGH MANAKLAO: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Highways expansion work during the last few years has considerably slowed down;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) if not, the details of work undertaken for the last one year (2004-05) in comparison to the proceeding year (2003-04) *vis-a-vis* the target of work; and

(d) by when, the highway expansion work of NH-5 in Balasore -Bhadrakh (Orissa) section would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise

(c) The targets set for the years 2003-04 and 2004-05 *vis-a-vis* achievements for National Highways Authority of India are given below:—

Year	Target	Achievement
2003-04	2196	763.33
2004-05	2896.1	2348

(d) The Balasore-Bhadrakh Seciton of NH-5 is likely to be completed by June 2006.

Coastal Highways in Gujarat

2007. SHRI LEKHRAJ BACHANI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that though Gujarat has about 25 per cent of the country's coast line with many ports and all sections of the coastal highways along this coast line have not been upgraded to the status of National Highways;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Central Government accept the necessity of upgrading the coastal highways of Gujarat since it is a border State from the Defence point of view; and

(d) if so, the time-frame which is considered appropriate for the upgradation to the National Highway status?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (d) The declaration of any road as National Highway depends not only on the consideration that it runs along the coast but on several other considerations including traffic needs, inter-se priority on all India basis and availability of resources. A length of approximately 1034 kilometer running along the coast line in Gujarat has already been converted into National highways. This includes 350 kilometer declared as National Highways in February 2004. At present, emphasis is being given for development of roads already declared as National Highways instead of declaring more roads as National Highways.

National Highway through Tamil Nadu

2008. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the National Highways run through the State of Tamil Nadu;

(b) the amount allocated for their development and maintenance during the last two years and for 2005-06;

(c) whether there is any proposal to declare any roads of the State as National Highways; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD-TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) An aggregate length of 4183 km of National Highways runs through the State of Tamil Nadu. Details are annexed as Statement (See below).

(b) Out of the total length of 4183 km, development and maintenance of 1630 km is with the Naitonal Highways Authority of India (NHAI) and development and maintenance of the balance length is with the Highways Department of the Government of Tamil Nadu.